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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Jithamithra Sarathy, et al.
Title of Invention : METHOD FOR BIT-RATE AND FORMAT
INSENSITIVE PERFORMANCE MONITORING OF
LIGHTWAVE SIGNALS
Filed : May 9, 2001
Serial No. : 09/852,582
Examiner : NGUYEN, Joseph
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Attorney Docket No. : 312/12

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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Dear Sirs,

Applicants have just received a Notice of Abandonment mailed February 27, 2004 from the USPTO, in which Applicants are informed that the application is abandoned because no reply has been received in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2002.

Applicants have reviewed the file of the application, and believe that a response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2002 was timely submitted on October 28, 2002 and was received by the USPTO on November 4, 2002 (as shown on the return postcard received from the USPTO). A copy of the submission on October 28, 2002 as well as the return postcard from the USPTO are enclosed herewith.



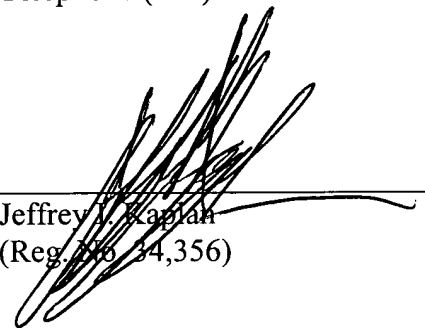
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Notice of Abandonment and continue the examination on the application. No fee is believed due.

However, the Examiner is authorized to deduct any fees believed due from our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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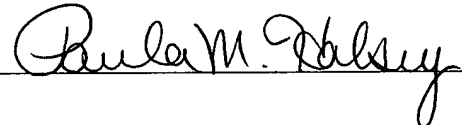
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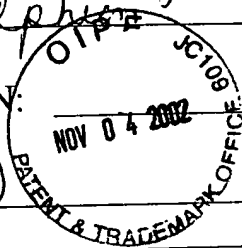
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